GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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BOMB BLASTS IN DELHI .
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a series of bomb blasts in the recent past in Delhi`s high security zone;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the number of bomb blasts that took place in Delhi during each of the last two years;

(d) whether any investigations have been in this regard;

(e) if so, the outcome thereof and the agencies responsible for these blasts;

(f) the number of persons arrested and the action taken against each of them; and
(g) the steps taken by the Government to stop the recurrence of bomb blasts in the capital?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)&(b): During the year 2001, 3 separate incidents of explosion, one each at the Army Headquarters Canteen Parking opposite Sena Bhawan; behind south Block at Dalhousie Road; and on the roof of a tent at BSF Office, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi, were reported.

(c): The number of bomb blasts in the years 1999 and 2000 was 2 and 4 respectively.

(d) to (f): Both the cases relating to the year 1999 and 3 cases relating to the year 2000 were worked out by Delhi Police and 4 persons were arrested in this regard. The investigation into these cases revealed involvement of organizations like Khalistan Zindabad Force, Khalistan Commando Force (Punjwar) and Pak ISI.

(g): The steps taken by Delhi Police to stop the recurrence of bomb blasts in the capital include intensification of beat patrolling; posting of armed pickets at strategic points; strengthening of intelligence network; close watch on and frequent raids at the suspected hide-outs of criminals and terrorists; checking of persons and baggages particularly in crowded market places and places of entertainment; checking of guest houses and religious places; formation of anti-terrorist cell in each police district; sensitization of the public through print and visual media; verification of tenants in the newly developing colonies; close interaction with State & Central Police Organisations for exchange of information; sensitization of security personnel guarding high rise buildings, Government buildings and Car Parking areas etc.; close watch on the activities of militants released on bail; and deployment of spotters in select areas.